

Purging voter registrations after general election  
(SB 1265 by Barrientos/Guerrero)

DIGEST: SB 1265 would have advanced from Aug. 16 to Nov. 30 of even-numbered years the cancellation date for voter registrations of those on a list of voter certificates returned by the U.S. Postal Service. Persons on the list would have been permitted to vote through November by executing an affidavit stating that they live in the political subdivision or territory for which an election is held and containing other information such as current address.

GOVERNOR'S  
REASON  
FOR VETO:

The governor said the proposed change in the cancellation date would increase the chance of vote fraud and decrease the chance that it would be detected.

AUTHOR'S  
VIEW:

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos said the governor vetoed SB 1265 to hurt Democrats, since those purged for moving and failing to reregister are more likely to be Democrats. The bill was not aimed at party affiliation but at increasing voter participation. Sen. Barrientos called the governor's assertions regarding voter fraud "gobbledegook."

NOTES: The House Research Organization analysis of SB 1265 appeared in the May 26, 1987 Daily Floor Report.